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SUBJ: BLUE HOUSE ADVISER COMMENTS ON REACTION TO SCM

REF: A. SEOUL 6326, B. SEOUL 6284

1. BLUE HOUSE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SPECIAL ASSISTANT KIM KYONG-WON AND PROTOCOL SECRETARY PHILIP CHOI HAVE BOTH TOLD POLCOUNS JULY 29 THAT BLUE HOUSE ASSESSED GENERAL PUBLIC REACTION PRETTY MUCH AS WE HAVE DESCRIBED IT IN REF MESSAGES. KIM AND CHOI SAID BLUE HOUSE AND OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, GOVERNMENT PARTIES AND SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF CITIZENRY INTERPRETED SCM AS DESIRABLE AND SINCERE EFFORT ON PART U.S. TO CONFIRM ITS COMMITMENT; IN THIS CONNECTION THEY THOUGHT PRESIDENT'S LETTER HAD BEEN PARTICULARLY USEFUL AND TIMELY.

2. AT SAME TIME KIM HAS COMMENTED SEPARATELY THAT THERE ARE STILL RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE TROOP WITHDRAWAL ON THE PART OF MANY, INCLUDING IN PARTICULAR OPPOSITION LEADER YI CHOL-SUNG, THE RETIRED ROK GENERALS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN MOST VOCIFEROUS IN THE PAST IN OPPOSING THIS DEVELOPMENT. ALSO AMONG MANY KOREANS, INCLUDING INFLUENTIAL PRESS COMMENTATORS, THERE WAS SAME "WAIT AND SEE" CONFIDENTIAL

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ATTITUDE THAT CLEARLY WAS ONE OF THE THEMES OF ROK OFFICIAL COMMENTS DURING THE SCM ITSELF. EDITORIAL COMMENT HAD BEEN FAVORABLE, A GREED KIM, BUT THERE HAD BEEN SUBTLE NUANCES INDICATING PROFF WOULD BE IN FINAL PUDDING U.S. MIXED. KIM PROMISED HE AND OTHER BLUE HOUSE OFFICIALS WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK HARD TO DEVELOP MORE POSITIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDE ON PART OF YI

CHOL-SUNG AS WELL AS OTHERS, BUT KOREANS HE
CAUTIONED, WOULD REMAIN NERVOUS TO VARYING DEGREES ON
THIS ISSUE AND WOULD WITHHOLD FINAL JUDGMENTS FOR TIME
BEING UNTIL USG IN FACT GAVE EVIDENCE OF ENACTING
COMPENSATORY MEASURES PROMISED AT SCM.
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